

# News from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services



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## **DES to Lower Opechee Lake in Laconia**

Concord, NH - The New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (DES) intends to lower Opechee Lake between 1 and 2 feet from its current level beginning on Friday March 30th to facilitate the repair of a section of flashboards at the Avery Dam in Laconia. The work is anticipated to take only one day to complete, so the level of the lake should be restored to its normal operating height by Saturday March 31.

The flashboard section to be repaired tripped in late October due to a malfunction of the electronic pool level monitoring equipment. Since that time flows in the river have been sufficiently large to keep Opechee Lake from dropping more than 1 foot below its normal level. By completing the repair at this time DES hopes to avoid a lowering of the lake at the beginning of the boating season.

Any questions related to this notice should be directed to Steve Doyon at DES's Dam Bureau by calling 271-1966.

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